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TAGS: PEPR, IZ
SUBJECT: IRAQ AND THE PLO

1. THE DEARTH OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO ASSESS SUCH MATTERS FROM BAGHDAD, BUT THE CURRENT STATE OF IRAQI-PLO RELATIONS APPEARS TO BE APPROACHING A CRISIS LEVEL. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE MADE VIRTUALLY NO MENTION OF RECENT PRESS/RADIO ATTACKS BY THE PLO THAT CONDEMN IRAQ FOR HARBORING AND SUPPORTING ANTI-ARAB TERRORISTS AND THREATEN RETALIATORY ACTION. LOCAL PRESS AND BAGHDAD'S VOICE OF PALESTINE, HOWEVER, HAVE BEGUN WARNING OF REACTIONARY PALESTINIAN EFFORTS TO LIQUIDATE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, AND HAVE ACCUSED ARAFAT OF BEING A TRAITOR -- PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH AN ATTACK ON THE FATAH OFFICE IN LIBYA.

2. INFORMED ARAB DIPLOMATS SEEMED TO BE CONVINCED THAT A POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM IS DEVELOPING.
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ONE WELL-INFORMED AMBASSADOR USES THE PHRASE "WAR TO THE DEATH" IN DESCRIBING THE SITUATION. WHILE THIS MAY BE AN OVERSTATEMENT, THE GENERAL CONSENSUS HERE IS THAT THE PLO HAS FINALLY HAD ENOUGH OF EFFORTS DIRECTED AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS BY IRAQI-BASED OR SUPPORTED REJECTIONIST GROUPS, AND HAS DECIDED TO UNDERTAKE REPRISALS BOTH INSIDE IRAQ

AND ELSEWHERE.

3. COMMENT: THE IRAQ-PLO QUESTION IS ANOTHER OF THOSE
NEVER-NEVER SITUATIONS IN BAGHDAD, IN THAT IT DOES NOT
APPEAR TO EXIST EXCEPT FOR THOSE WITH OUTSIDE SOURCES OF
INFORMATION. ON THE BASIS OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE,
HOWEVER, THE FLASH POINT IS PERHAPS BEING APPROACHED.
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